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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Spain is reported to have purchased two warships. —— The New York fired a few shells at the Cabanas fortifications. ——Schooner Geo. L. Fessenden, from Philadelphia to Southport with stone for Fort Caswell, wrecked off Chicinacomico; Capt. Norton, the mate and two seamen drowned —— The Hatteras shoals lightship rode out the gale safely. —— Second regiment of the State Guard will be formed Wednesday; Wake county Pop. convention set down on fusion with Democrats. —— Powder mills at Auburn, Cal., blown up; supposed cause, lightning. —— Steamer Paris arrived in New York. —— Great interest is felt in the situation in the Philippines; the engagement between Commodore Dewey's fleet and the Spanish is regarded as the critical point in naval operations. —— Key West is to be made a base of operations for the Gulf —— Thirty-six new vessels for the navy are to be built, including three battleships. —— An attempt was made Friday night to blow up a powder magazine at Tampa; supposed to have been the work of Spaniards, who are closely watched. —— Powder manufacturing concerns in Missouri have been warned of Spanish spies, who are planning to blow up works near St. Louis. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent., with last loan at 2½ per cent.; cotton quiet; middling 6¢c; flour, quiet, but strongly held; wheat—spot steady; No. 2 red $1.20½; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 40¼c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 34c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., April 30.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 58 deg.; 8 P.M., 66 deg.; maximum, 76 deg.; minimum, 54 deg.; mean, 65 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.40 inches.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 9.6 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina: Warmer in the interior; southerly winds.

Port Almanac---May 1.

Sun Rises	5.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.47 P. M.
Day's Length	13 H. 39 M.
High Water at Southport	3.11 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	5.41 A. M.

There is plenty of iron in Cuba, and also plenty of grit in the Cubans.

The Havana Lottery isn't doing a very rushing business just now. The blockade has somewhat interfered with it.

It was hardly worth Gen. Blanco's while to go to the trouble of formally declaring off an armistice which had never been on.

The war fever is high in Louisiana. The New Orleans *States* says that 5,000 men in that city are eager for the fray and anxious to enlist.

It is a mistake to think that those gunners in the Spanish forts in Cuba can't hit anything. They plug the salt water every time.

The Smithfield *Herald*, one of the most valued of our weekly exchanges, and a rattling good paper, entered this week on its seventeenth year.

J. L. Torrey a rich rancher in Wyoming, is going to raise an independent regiment of cowboys. He doesn't want Roosevelt's rough riders to have all the fun.

A London paper says Spain intends to strike one heavy blow and then quit. Pshaw. Spain has been doing some heavy blowing ever since this business began, and hasn't quit yet.

Prof. Weiner, who is now professor of the Russian language in Harvard University, was peddling peanuts in Kansas City a few years ago. Here is another boost for the peanut.

The salary of the King of Spain is $1,400,000 a year, with $600,000 allowance for family expenses. With this in prospective Christina can take chances on contributing some handfuls of pesetas to save it.

The United States has unlimited resources and can produce everything necessary in war, while Spain has no resources and can't produce anything, and that's where the United States have the bilge on Spain.

Mrs. Wallace, of Chicago, owns a $50,000 villa at St. Augustine, Florida, which she has tendered as a hospital for the use of the Illinois volunteers. It is somewhat remote from the prospective scene of military operations, but it shows the cleverness and also the patriotism of the lady.

Ex-Governor Garcelon, of Maine, is 84 years old, but feels nimble enough and is willing to enlist for the Cuban racket. Ex-Governor Garcelon, it may be remarked, is one of those Maine Democrats who, although frequently downed, has never acknowledged that he was whipped.

What's the matter with Blanco anyhow? He calls us a "nation of nobodies," and then hysterically vociferates to the Spaniards in Cuba to hustle and get their arms on to fight the nobodies.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

County Commissioners.
A. Shrier—Special sale.
D. McEachern—Fire sale.
Clyde Line—Sailing days.
King Grocery Co.—Cheese.
A. L. DeRosset—Insurance.
W. L. I.—Call for volunteers.
W. B. Cooper—Hay and grain.
R. R. Stone & Co.—Meat, lard.
F. T. Mills—Horses and mules.
Palace Bakery—Sunday dinner.
Vollers & Hashagen—War taxes.
Strike Now—Bedbug Interceptic.
S. A. Schloss & Co.—Cash cost sale.
C. W. Polvogt & Co.—Bargain week.
J. M. McGowan—Great discovery.
S. W. Sanders—Cut price on prunes.
J. H. Hanby—Atlantic View Hotel.
I. B. Rhodes—Pictures of starvation in Cuba.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Reward—For stolen wheel.
P. H. Hayden—Buggies, harness.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Messrs. Wm. A. McGowan and Walter E. Yopp leave this afternoon for New York.

— Miss. Carrie Hawley, of Fayetteville, is visiting her sister. Mrs Joe F. Bunting, 309 Walnut Street.

— Dr. Russell Bellamy and wife, of New York, arrived in the city last evening and are the guests of Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy.

— Miss Annie Southerland, of Kenansville, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. J. Kelly, for several weeks, returned home yesterday.

— John L. Rendleman, Esq., a prominent lawyer of Salisbury, is in the city on professional business. He is the guest of Mr. Jno. F. Rulfs, Jr.

— Mr. J. H. Gasque, of Marion, S. C., a brother-in-law of Mr. H. C Twining, has arrived in the city and taken a place in the A. C. L. machine shops.

— Capt. E. G. Parmele, who has been at Caswell for several weeks in charge of the concreting force, came up yesterday afternoon on the *Wilmington* to attend the funeral of Mr. Sol. C. Weill. He expects to return to-morrow morning.

THE NAVAL RESERVES.

A Strong Probability That the Wilmington Division Will Man the Nantucket and Take Her to Port Royal.

The Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves was in suspense all day yesterday as to what would be the result of Commander Geo. L. Morton's visit to Washington. Last night Lieut. H. H. McIlhenny received a telegram from Commander Morton stating that no other ship was available at the present time. The telegram stated, further, that the *Nantucket* would go to Port Royal, and that arrangements could be made for the Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves to man her.

Lieut. McIlhenny at once called a meeting of the reserves. When they had assembled he read them the telegram from Commander Morton. He said he hoped all the men would decide to go, and added, that he thought it was the plan of the government to keep the organization intact. He was enthusiastically cheered.

Lieut. R. H. McKoy and Ensign Hugh Miller also made rousing speeches and the cheers for the officers, proposed by Boatswain's Mate, F. S. Burr were heartily given.

The reserves lined up about forty strong, and Lieut. McIlhenny instructed Ships Writer W. W. Vick to take the names of all who were willing to go. Not a man refused. None of the other members will be unwilling to go. The Southport Division may also be drawn upon to finish out the complement of men necessary to man the *Nantucket*.

Lieut. C. B. G. Moore, of Port Royal, S. C., will command the monitor. Exactly what positions will be held by the officers of Wilmington Division is not yet decided.

An order for 100 tons of coal for use on the monitor has been placed. She will probably go out about the middle of the week.

Funeral Yesterday.

The funeral of the late Mr. Jasper Bishop took place yesterday at 4 P. M. from Grace M. E. Church, Rev. A. P. Tyer officiating. The pall bearers were Messrs. W. W. Hodges, L. M. LeGwin, B. F. King, W. M. Hayes, A. C. Craft, and W. E. Perdew. The interment was made at Oakdale and the grave was covered with beautiful floral offerings.

Spend your cash this week at The C. W. Polvogt Co.; it is their Bargain Week. †

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BOARD ORGANIZED.

County Commissioners Met Yesterday Morning in the Court House.

ROGER MOORE CHAIRMAN.

Jordan Branch Elected Custodian of the Court House and Took Possession—The Old Board Called to Meet Monday.

The first meeting of the new Board of County Commissioners since the reorganization made necessary by the recent decision of the Supreme Court, was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Present, Messrs. Roger Moore, W. F. Alexander, John Barry, J. L. Boatwright and James Cowan, the three last named being the three recently appointed and qualified by the Clerk of the Superior Court. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' room at the court house.

Col. Moore was unanimously elected chairman. Register of Deeds Norwood was sent for to serve as clerk to the Board. He failed to respond and was sent for again. This time he replied that he meant no discourtesy, but did not know what to do and must cousult his attorney. The Register of Deeds failing to respond, the Board elected Commissioner Alexander as clerk pro tem.

On motion a resolution was adopted and copies served upon County Treasurer Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., and Sheriff Hewlett. The resolution set forth the fact that whereas the recent decision of the Supreme Court had debarred three members of the old Board of Commissioners from such office and necessitated a reorganization of the Board, the treasurer was notified not to in future honor any drafts upon the county funds except those which came through the newly organized Board. The sheriff was also ordered to govern himself according to the same instructions so far as the resolution effected that office.

On motion, Mr. Jordan Branch was elected custodian of the Commissioners' room and the Court House. He was instructed to retain possession of the room for the Board. There being no further business the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

After the Board had retired Mr. Jno. W. Galloway, clerk of the Audit Committee, went into the room and locked himself and custodian Branch in. Upon the refusal of Mr. Galloway to recognize the authority of the new Board that body re-assembled, custodian Branch having opened a window for them to enter, and passed a resolution declaring the office of clerk to the Audit Committee (that held by Mr. Galloway) vacant. Mr. Galloway then unlocked the door and left the room. The Board adjourned. Mr. Galloway returned, left his key in the door and Col. Moore got possession of it and left Mr. Branch in possession of room and property. However, during the afternoon Mr. Galloway and his friends succeeded in removing all the books, documents, funds, etc., from the Commissioners' room to the sheriff's office.

Col. F. W. Foster, for the old Board, calls a meeting for Monday at 2.30 P. M., completely ignoring the new organization. And thus the matter stands.

A. F. and P. T. Association.

The American Fruit and Produce Travellers' Association held a meeting last night at the Orton. Mr. Eugene W. Barnes, of Boston, the president, and Mr. Lot Jacques, of Smithburg, Pa., were both present, and in their places. Mr. Barnes opened the meeting with some interesting remarks.

After the reading of minutes and other routine business the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws, consisting of Messrs. Charles Woodnutt, Geo. H. LeCato, S. W. Westbrook, Jos. D. Pickard and A. E. Parker, was adopted. On motion Messrs. M. H. Prethyman, Lot Jacques, and J. H. Johnson were named a committee to get designs for badges. The secretary was instructed to get bids from three printing houses in Wilmington for making copies of the constitution and by-laws. Messrs. Charles Woodnutt, Chas. H. Hayner, and R. H. Fox were constituted a committee to take the proper steps for the incorporation of the Association. At 11.30 the meeting adjourned.

The STAR regrets exceedingly that want of space forbids a more extended account of the proceedings, as they were very interesting.

Extra Edition To-morrow.

The STAR will print an extra edition to-morrow morning, which will be sent to all subscribers, city and country, free of charge. It will give all the telegraphic news sent by the Associated Press up to 4 o'clock A. M.

Single copies will be sold at five cents. Newsboys and newsdealers will be supplied as usual.

We do not promise to continue the Monday issue. In fact, we much prefer not to do so for many excellent reasons; but competition in this line may compel us to make it a regular feature.

Bargains in Lawns, Dress Goods, Sheetings, &c., this week at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

50-inch wide navy serge worth 75c this week only 45c at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

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LOCAL DOTS.

— Look out for the Monday edition of the STAR.

— The ladies will find our fashion plate to-day up to the usual standard.

— The armored tug *Hudson* took on coal yesterday and proceeded to Key West.

— There will be a prayer meeting at the First Baptist Church at 11 o'clock this morning.

— During April ten licenses were issued for the marriage of white couples and thirteen for colored.

— Sarah Lane, colored, dropped dead at the corner of Fifth and Swann streets last night at 10:30 o'clock.

— In the Mayor's Court yesterday Joe Quince was convicted of disorderly conduct and fined $2.50 and costs.

— It is understood that there will be a game of base ball next Friday afternoon between the Coast Line and O. A. N. clubs.

— The California Fruit Transportation Company yesterday took out thirty-one cars, containing 9,200 crates of strawberries.

— In a game of base ball yesterday between the University of North Carolina and Trinity College, the latter won by a score of 9 to 4.

— Eighty-two documents were recorded in the Register of Deeds' office during April. Of that number thirty-nine were deeds of real estate.

— Newsboys can be supplied with copies of the Extra Edition of the STAR about 6 o'clock to-morrow morning. It will be full of "war news."

— The Governing Board of the Carolina Yacht Club have named on its Regatta Committee J. V. B. Metts, chairman, W. F. Robertson and Geo. Harriss, Jr.

— Messrs. S. A. Schloss & Co. invite the public to call and examine their stock of glassware, silver-plated ware, etc., which they are offering at cost for cash.

— Justice John L. Fowler is suffering from a tenacious sore on his nose. It was caused by eye-glasses. He will leave to-day for Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment.

— Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, will be the principal speaker at the commencement of the State Normal and Industrial College. The date of his address will be May 24.

— The funeral of the late Sol. C. Weill will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the Temple of Israel. The interment will be in the Hebrew plat at Oakdale. Governor Russell yesterday telegraphed his intention to be present.

— Attention is called to the advertisement of Capt. A. L. DeRosset. He has opened a fire and life insurance business, and solicits a share of the public patronage. He is located at No. 17 Princess street. The STAR hopes that he will do a thriving business.

— A telegraphic dispatch from Utica, N. Y., says that the revenue cutter *Gresham*, now at Ogdensburg, on the St. Lawrence, will be cut in two so as to pass through the canals and out into the Atlantic for the use of the Government in the war with Spain. J. E. Reinberg, Second Lieutenant, and Fred. Owen, Chief Engineer, on the *Gresham*, were both married in Wilmington, and are well known here.

REHDER'S STORE ROBBED.

Entered by Thieves Friday Night—Several Suspected Persons Arrested. No Stolen Goods Recovered.

Yesterday Joe Hill, Son Carter, Amy Blocker and Fred. Hill, all colored, were arrested, charged with being implicated in breaking open the store of Mr. J. H. Rehder, just beyond the Brooklyn bridge, some time Friday night.

The burglars affected an entrance to the store through a back window, having gotten an axe from Mayor Wright's office, next door, for cutting open the shutter.

The value of the goods taken from the store is estimated at about $60, and comprises clothing, watches and about seven dollars in cash.

Mr. Rehder swore out three search warrants yesterday before Squire Bunting. They were for the premises of Tiny Jones, Rev. Blocker and a woman by the name of Carter, all colored. It was at the house of Rev. Blocker that the negro Joe Hill was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Flynn. The other two arrests were made by Policemen Murray and Rowan.

None of the stolen goods have been recovered.

April Health Report.

Dr. McMillan's report, as Superintendent of Health, for the month just closed, shows 3 white deaths and 20 colored. And 5 white births and 35 colored. The causes of the 3 white deaths were cardiac disease, consumption and cholera morbus. There were three quarantines removed during the month. The sanitary report shows 1,661 inspections made. Of these 1,150 premises were found in a fair condition and 181 required immediate attention. There were 264 inspections made and 390 lime orders filled.

85c Irish point center prices this week 59c at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

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JOHN D. BELLAMY FOR CONGRESS.

Meeting of the County Convention of the Democratic Party of New Hanover County.

EVERYTHING WAS HARMONY.

Bellamy Unanimously Indorsed—No County Ticket Yet—Convention Adjourned Subject to Call of Chairman and Executive Committee—Delegates to be Appointed by Chairman.

The Democratic County Convention was called to order yesterday at the Court House at noon by Mr. H. McL. Green, chairman of the County Executive Committee. He called Capt. James A. Montgomery to the chair and asked the newspaper reporters to keep the minutes. Capt. Montgomery, in taking the chair, said that he hoped the convention would act judiciously and harmoniously. He called for nominations for permanent chairman. Col. T. W. Strange nominated the temporary chairman for permanent chairman and put the motion which was unanimously carried. On motion of Mr. H. McL. Green, the reporters of the Democratic newspapers were invited to act as permanent secretaries.

Mr. Joseph D. Smith made a motion for the appointment of a committee on credentials, to consist of a delegate from each ward in the city and one from each township in the county. Accordingly the chairman named the following: First ward, Capt. John Barry; 2nd, Jos. D. Smith; 3rd, D. C. Love; 4th, Col. F. W. Kerchner; 5th, B. F. King; Harnett township, Charles Alexander; Cape Fear, M. G. Chadwick; Masonboro, D. J. Fergus; Federal Point, W. H. Biddle (by proxy); The committee retired and subsequently through Col. F. W. Kerchner made its report, seating the delegates as nominated at the ward meetings Monday night and elected at the ward primaries Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. H. McL. Green, Col. T. W. Strange, Col. Walker Taylor and Maj. W. H. Bernard were appointed a Committee on Platform.

After a short conference, Col. Strange reported for the committee:

"That the Democratic County Convention of New Hanover county accept and re-affirm the platform of the State and national conventions of that party. The report was adopted.

Chairman Montgomery announced that the next business was to nominate delegates to the State, Judicial and Congressional Conventions. On motion of Col. T. W. Strange, amended by Maj. W. H. Bernard, the following resolution covering the matter under discussion was adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of this convention be and is hereby authorized to appoint the number of delegates to the State, Judicial and Congressional Conventions to which this county is entitled according to and in the manner prescribed by the plan of organization of the State Executive Committee, he himself being a member of each delegation; and that he be allowed such time as he may deem necessary in which to select the delegates and alternates; and when selected a list of the same shall be published in the Democratic newspapers.

Col. Strange also offered a resolution tendering the thanks of the party to the County Executive Committee, and particularly to its chairman, for earnest and able efforts for the success of the party in the last election. The resolution was adopted unanimously, and Mr. Green, the chairman of the committee, made a strong speech in response, declaring that if the committee made mistakes they were those of the head, not of the heart. He appealed to all Democrats to be united, and he insisted that the fusion that was needed was the fusion of Democrats. His remarks were enthusiastically received.

Maj. W. H. Bernard then introduced the following resolution:

Resolved (1) By the Democracy of New Hanover county, in convention assembled, that, having always at heart the best interests of our State and party, we hereby indorse John D. Bellamy, Esq., as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Sixth District. He is in thorough sympathy with the principles of the party, as declared in the Chicago platform, and in accord with the Democracy of North Carolina.

Resolved (2), That his well known ability; his high character as a citizen; his tireless energy and vigor as a canvasser; his devotion to the cause of Democracy, and his previous legislative ability, eminently qualify him for service in the higher counsels of the government; and that with him as our standard-bearer we believe our District can be redeemed, while it will give the Eastern portion that recognition which has been denied it for more than twenty years.

Resolved, therefore (3), That this committee earnestly requests the other counties of this District to co-operate with New Hanover in promoting the nomination of our distinguished citizen.

The close of the reading of the resolutions was the signal for loud applause, and Mr. H. M. McL. Green, in seconding the resolution, said: "I rise to second the resolutionss. I think that we should all be proud of John D. Bellamy. I know of no worthier son of New Hanover county and of no one who has labored harder for the party's success." The resolutions were passed by a unanimous vote.

Col. Roger Moore, Col. T. W. Strange and Mr. M. W. Jacobi were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Bellamy and request him to appear before the convention.

The matter of nominating a county ticket next came up.

The convention was pretty well united on the wisdom of postponing the nomination of candidates for county offices, but there was some division of opinion as to whether it would be best for the convention to adjourn till some fixed day, or whether it should be left to the chairman of the convention, acting upon the advice of the Executive Committee, to name the day. After discussion, participated in by Messrs. Geo. L. Peschau, J. M. McGowan, R. H. McKoy, B. F. King, Col. F. W. Kerchner, Jos. D. Smith, T. Donlan, T. C. James, M. W. Jacobi, D. C. Love, Col. T. W. Strange and Col. Walker Taylor, a resolution offered by Mr. H. McL. Green was adopted by which the convention was adjourned subject to the call of the chairman and the Executive Committee, who should give ten days notice of the convention to be held.

At this moment Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., accompanied by the committee who had been sent to bring him up appeared before the convention. He expressed in a ringing speech his gratitude for and high appreciation of the honor conferred upon him in endorsing his candidacy for the nomination for Congressman. He said that of two things the members of the convention could be sure. One was that no man could appreciate the honor more highly than he, and if the Congressional Convention should place the banner of Democracy in his hands he would do all in his power to carry it to victory in November. The other was that if he should be nominated that he would pledge that every inch of ground in the district should be thoroughly canvassed, not alone in his own interest, but in that of Democracy generally. Then he entreated all Democrats to pull together and redeem the State from radical misrule. He closed in the midst of enthusiastic applause.

After the Convention adjourned the newly elected Executive Committee assembled for the purpose of organizing permanently. Mr. B. F. King was made temporary chairman, and Mr. F. T. Skipper, temporary secretary. Permanent organization was effected by the election of Col. T. W. Strange, chairman; B. F. King, secretary; and M. W. Jacobi, treasurer.

The members of the committeee are:

First Ward—1st division, F. T. Skipper; 2nd, Neill McKinnon; 3rd, Isaiah West; 4th, O. McFadyen; 5th, W. A. Wright. Second Ward—M. W. Jacobi. Third Ward—1st division, E. T. Wade; 2nd, E. F. Johnson. Fourth Ward—1st division, W. B. McKoy; 2nd, J. W. Sneeden. Fifth Ward—1st division, B. F. King; 2nd, J. R. Davis; 3rd, W. H. Biddle; 6th, G. W. Bornemann. Federal Point—Jno. A. Biddle.

The names of the chairmen from the other county precincts could not be learned.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Charges Preferred Against Chief Melton by Police Officer R. H. Benson—To be Investigated.

Police circles of Wilmington are very much stirred up just now over a trouble between Chief of Police Jno. R. Melton and policeman R. H. Benson, and the city Police Commission will on next Wednesday morning, according to present arrangement, make an investigation.

Officer Benson and his attorney, W. E. Henderson, have prepared charges against the Chief of Police which will be submitted to the Board of Aldermen. The document charges, that on last Friday afternoon Mr. Melton assaulted him (Benson) in a threatening manner while he was on duty as day officer at the City Hall. And challenged him for a duel. It seems that the two officers were discussing the nature of an arrest made by policeman George when Chief Melton called officer Benson a "d——d liar." He also offered, so Benson says, to pull off his coat and fight the matter out then and there.

To a STAR reporter Chief Melton said that he would prove that he had done nothing which could in any way compromise his standing as an officer.

LARGEST CIRCULATION.

Large And Steady Increase in the Circulation of The Star.

The increase in the circulation of the STAR (during the past twelve months especially) has been so marked that we feel justified in calling attention to the fact that it is not only larger than that of any other daily newspaper published here, but we are confident it has reached a point never before attained by any Wilmington daily.

Moreover it is strictly a *bona-fide* circulation. We received no sample copies, nor extra copies printed on particular days. As illustrative of this, we have a single order for 100 copies every Sunday, to one address, which we do not include, because it is not regular, every-day circulation, though it should not be ignored by advertisers. We have other smaller orders (one for 50 copies) of a similar character that are excluded from the count.

The circulation of the STAR, we may add, is still growing steadily, and the growth is of of a permanent character.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

Ladies' belts, ties, gloves are among the bargains this week at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

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WILMINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY.

EDITOR STAR—As the public has taken considerable interest recently in the status of the Wilmington Light Infantry in regard to volunteering for service in the war with Spain, and as considerable injustice and damage has been done our company by unauthorized and untruthful items, in regard thereto, published in some of the local and State newspapers, and by idle gossip and discussion of outsiders, I deem it proper to take this method of stating the matter and leaving the public to judge for itself.

Upon returning to the city last Wednesday, I learned that there was a great diversity of opinion among the individual active members of the company on the subject, and that quite a number had been influenced, by members of our reserve corps and veteran corps and by outsiders, to believe that it was not the duty of our company to serve in the present war as volunteers. I also learned that there were quite a number of others who held the opposite opinion.

A meeting had been called for Wednesday evening and after having considered the matter very carefully, I stated at said meeting what I considered was the duty of the company, and also what I considered my own duty, and after some little discussion I stated to the members that they must decide individually for themselves whether or not they would volunteer. The following agreement to volunteer, viz: "We, the undersigned, hereby volunteer as members of the Wilmington Light Infantry, to serve as members of said company in the volunteer army of the United States, under General Order No. 1 of the Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina, dated April 25th, 1898, provided the said Wilmington Light Infantry is allowed to preserve its organization intact while performing service for the United States," was then read and each active and reserve member present at the meeting was given a chance to sign or decline to sign it. This resulted in 27 of the 47 active members and three of the reserve corps volunteering.

During the last three days I have made it my business to see each active member except one, who was out of the city, and each reserve corps member, who could be found, without having gained any ground in recruiting the company up to the strength of 84 as required by the authorities. Finding that it was impossible to get the required number, either from our active organization or from our reserve corps, I with the assistance of other members of the company, who were interested in the movement, have proceeded to enlist volunteers by advertisement and personal solicitation. We have, as far as possible, confined our efforts to the city, but have taken in twelve from adjoining counties, all except three of whom have come without any solicitation whatever.

Finding to-day that there was a good prospect of enlisting the required number and having arranged certain necessary preliminaries which have occasioned some delay, I forwarded the following message:

"Adjutant General State of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.—Company 'C,' Second Regiment, sixty-two men, including officers, volunteers for service in the volunteer army of the United States, provided only that we are allowed to retain our present company organization and officers. Are proceeding to recruit to eighty-four with good prospect of securing complement by Monday. Wire quick if you accept us on conditions named. If Bruton's Regiment (Second N. C. S. Guard) is offered, we wish to be considered as part of same.

"DONALD MACRAE, Captain."

Later in the day the following replies were received: "Our quota is full but some company may drop out. Governor will appoint officers elected by company as far as practicable. (Signed) A. D. Cowles, Adjutant General." (2) "Governor will appoint your company officers elected by you. (Signed) A. D. Cowles, Adjutant General."

We now have 79 names signed to the above agreement to volunteer, and expect by Monday to have the other five secured and will be prepared to move whenever and wherever we are needed and ordered.

Trusting that the above will satisfy both our friends and others who are either curious or critical, I am,

Respectfully,
DONALD MACRAE,
Capt. W. L. I.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

There will be services at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner Sixth and Market streets, by Rev. A. G. Voigt. German service at 11 a. m., English services at 8 a. m., Sunday school at 3.30 p. m.

St. Thomas' Church, first mass and holy communion, 7 a. m., last mass and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; Vespers special music at this service. Sermonn on "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin." 7.45 p. m.

Services in St. John's Church to-day, third Sunday after Easter, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Litany, sermon, and Holy Communion, 11 A. M.; evening prayer, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday school, 4.30 P. M.

Tuesday, the 3rd inst. being the third anniversary of the opening of the present Catherine Kennedy Home to the public, there will be religious services at 8 o'clock P. M., conducted by the Rev. Jas. Carmichael. The public are cordially invited to attend.

COLORED CHURCH.

The colored Odd Fellows Thanksgiving sermon will be preached at Central Baptist Church to-day at 3 o'clock.

Bargain Week at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

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OBITUARY.

Dr. D. McL. Graham, of Wallace, N. C., notice of whose death appeared in Friday's STAR, was at the time of his death about 65 years of age. He had been in bad health for more than five years previous to his death, having been a great sufferer from rheumatism. About ten days ago he was taken suddenly ill and grew worse until the end came on last Thursday afternoon, the 28th inst, at 6 o'clock. The interment took place at Rockfish cemetery, near Wallace, on the 29th at 3:20 o'clock P. M. The burial services were conducted by Rev. M. P. McIntire of Faison, Rev. Jno. Stanley Thomas, of Burgaw and Rev. Kenneth McDonald, of Ivanhoe, all of the Presbyterian Church. A very large concourse of people were present to pay the last said tribute of respect to their departed friend. Among other relatives present were Messrs. Archibald and Alexander Graham, of Charlotte, brothers of the deceased.

Dr. Graham was a native of Fayetteville, having moved to Duplin county in 1871. He graduated with honor from the University of North Carolina in 1857 and from Jefferson Medical College in 1860. At the opening of the civil war he volunteered as a private with the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry and served through the Bethel campaign. Subsequently he was appointed assistant surgeon in the cavalry company of Rev. Jas. H. McNeill (Thirty-seventh N. C. Regiment), which position he held, and with much credit to himself, until the surrender. In war as in the other relations of private and professional life, he was ever loyal to duty.

The deceased leaves a wife and three children—two sons and one daughter. They are Dr. B. R. Graham, of Wallace; Mr. Archie Graham, at present a law student at the University of Virginia, and Miss Annie Graham, of Wallace.

The town of Wallace and the surrounding country are greatly saddened at the death of this excellent man and are conscious of the great loss they have sustained. The bereaved family and large circle of friends all mourn at the loss of a devoted husband and father and true friend and kind adviser.

WALLACE, N. C., April 29, 1898.

DIED.

WEILL—In New York city on Wednesday, April 26th, at 1.30 P. M., SOL. C. WEILL, formerly of Wilmington, N. C., aged 34 years.

The funeral will take place this (Sunday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, from Temple of Israel, corner Fourth and Market streets. Interment in Hebrew plat, Oakdale.

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County Commissioners.

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F. W. FOSTER, Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners.

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450 Bales Hay.
700 Bushels Corn.
350 Bushels Oats.
800 Bushels Meal.
25 Bags Wheat Bran.
400 Bushels N. C. Peanuts.
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50 Bushels Spanish Peanuts.
150 Pic-Nic Cheese.
150 Bundles Hoop Iron.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 1, 1898

NEW TERRITORY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

A short while ago the Chinese question was the absorbing topic, but since the Cuban question, resulting in the complications and war with Spain, has centered attention on it China has been temporarily lost sight of. But it is still the stage on which the play of grab in one form or another is progressing.

Although far remote from us that play is having its influence, and is more of a factor in our present situation than might be generally supposed. There have been intimations of, and even efforts at European intervention in the dispute between this country and Spain, by countries which sympathize with the monarchy and would like to rebuke the Republic, which few of them like. But nearly all of them have either present or prospective interests in China which might become involved if there were a clash of European arms either on this side of the Atlantic or growing out of the interference of one or more of these powers. Great Britain is the factor feared, for even now it is strongly suspected that there is some secret understanding between her and the United States, by virtue of which she would become an ally of the United States if other Governments interfere in the present dispute, and then the ball might open in earnest and instead of a war on one hemisphere there would be war on two, and a much greater war on the other than on this. That is the prime cause of the non-interference of those European Governments which sympathize with Spain and no not like the United States. This is, perhaps, our good fortune.

But the play goes on over there, and a new China is steadily coming along to take the place of the old. It would seem strange that China's weakness and the ease with which she was subdued by plucky and assertive little Japan would result in her regeneration and into revolutionizing her people as the people of Japan were revolutionized. Seeing the craven spirit of the Chinese and the ease with which they could be cowed and subdued by any bold adversary, European nations were encouraged to trespass upon and seize, on some pretext, such territory as they might covet, and the tameness with which the Chinese submitted justified the estimate the invaders put upon their resistance.

Thus Russia in the North steadily went on playing the deceptive game of securing "concessions" until she had practically got possession of nearly all of Northern China.

Germany, following Russia, under pretence of seeking atonement for the murder of two missionaries, secured concessions covering a large area in central China, while France extended her lines in the South.

England kept her eyes open and quietly strengthened her hold while English syndicates negotiated for and secured concessions that virtually put them in possession of resources of inestimable value and extent.

It wasn't for mere territorial or commercial sway that these powers were playing although these might be tempting enough, but with these were the vast resources of China, which they had their eyes upon, resources which in coming time will make China a land of humming industry.

As old as China is, the world at large has but little conception of the vastness of these resources, for they never tempted the plain, plodding, patient, unambitious Chinaman, who saw little in and had no use for the coal and iron that jutted out from the hills, or for the gold that dotted the quartz taken from ledges. They knew what it was. They knew its value, but their religious teachings told them it was wicked to dig for gold and there it remained and remains untouched. When Chinamen go to California perhaps they leave their religion behind them, for they have no conscientious scruples against digging for gold there or anywhere outside of China.

Northern China is known to abound in minerals, and Russia knew this when she reached out and secured (under the cover of concessions) control of it and ran her trans-Siberian railroad through it.

Middle China is also known to abound in inexhaustible deposits of anthracite coal and iron, almost side by side. A German geologist figures that there is anthracite coal enough in one province, Shansi, to last the world for 2,000 years. An English syndicate has secured concessions from the Government, by paying a royalty, which practically gives it control of all the mineral in that province. The concession granted to the Emperor of Germany carries with it concessions to a German syndicate to work the mines in that territory and to construct railroads through it.

They all have their eyes on the iron, coal and other minerals of that empire, which have for thousands of years been walked over by the generations that have come and gone, but never found any use for them. It will be different now. These Chinese will be taught some new things. The hills will be penetrated and the locomotive will draw trains through them to carry the products of these mines to the furnaces, and great industries will spring up, and these yellow, plodding people will learn some of the new activities of life, and will become a different people, and we will behold a New China as we have beheld a New Japan.

MINOR MENTION.

A regiment of a thousand men composed of Federal and Confederate soldiers, and called "the Blue and the Gray," has been organized at Chicago, and will tender its services for the war in Cuba. It may not have been this, and yet it may, that inspired the following editorial in the Chicago *Tribune*, an intensely partisan Republican paper:

"More than thirty years have passed since those days when the blue and the gray confronted each other on the deadly field and gave the world a demonstration of American valor which provoked its admiration as well as its astonishment during four years of fearful strife. It was something more than an exhibition of the pluck and grit of each side; it was a prophecy that should the time come when two such combatants were united they would be invincible.

"That time has come. The inevitable sectional bitterness and jealousy have slowly worn away, and perhaps it needed some such war as this to remove them altogether and make the reconciliation complete. The stars and bars, symbol of splendid courage, has been forever furled. The stars and stripes, symbol of equally splendid courage and added nationality, now waves over the gathering hosts of both sections, congregating on the historical battlefields of the south. The blue and gray stand shoulder to shoulder ready to fight a common enemy for a common cause, and that the cause of humanity, of freedom, of civilization. No grander cause could inspire them. No cause could bind together more closely. Nothing brings men more firmly together than comradeship in arms. The union of North and South will be completed by this struggle. Henceforth North and South will be one nation."

Articles like this are not at all uncommon now in Republican papers of the North, from some of which come the most eulogistic tributes to the patriotism and broad national spirit of the South, which had the opportunity to show itself when the war with Spain became imminent. In this connection we may incidentally remark that the sectionalism resulting from war memories or issues antecedent to the war disappeared from the South long before they did from the North. But it is well that even at this late day our Republican friends on the other side of the line have discovered that "the bloody chasm" has been solidly bridged.

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The probabilities are that if Portugal had not issued her proclamation of neutrality that Spanish squadron would continue at anchor at St. Vincent until it got orders to return to Cadiz. But being at sea it is necessary for it to go somewhere, for it can't loiter on the ocean indefinitely. There is but one of two things for it to do; one to return to the Canaries, the other to make for Porto Rico, where it might anchor indefinitely unless forced out by American warships, of which there would be little likelihood, as our ships would hardly be sent so far away, even if they could be spared. If there is any fighting to be done with that fleet it will be after they come close enough to make their proximity offensive, of which there are at present no indications. We have had so many reports as to the prospective movements of that squadron, and so many entirely improbable ones, that there is no occasion to attach any importance to any report that comes unless it is supported by pretty positive proof. If it should come as far as Porto Rico it would still have 1,200 miles to steam before it came close enough to the Atlantic squadron to shoot or be shot at.

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As we anticipated the Republicans in the House of Representatives voted almost solidly in opposition to the income tax amendment to the revenue bill to raise additional revenue for war purposes. Having a clear majority they didn't give much time for discussion, but applied their gag rules and snowed the minority under. They will probably justify their opposition to this tax on the ground that it is not necessary, when by adopting it they might have dispensed with some other taxes that will be more onorous and more annoying and will yield much less revenue than an income tax would. The allegation that it is inquisitorial is a mere pretence for it is not any more so than a census, or than the ordinary tax listing in any of the States is, and not any more inquisitorial than the income tax laws now in force in a number of States, among them North Carolina. The constitutional objections urged against the income tax feature of the Wilson tariff could easily have been anticipated and guarded against by so drafting the pressure as to avoid discrimination, the weak point, as held, of that provision in the Wilson tariff.

A private soldier from the frontier, achieved some distinction in East St. Louis the other day. While strolling along the street with some other soldiers, he saw a horse hitched to a wagon, plunging down in the direction of a crowd of women and children waiting to get on a train. The driver, unable to control the horse, jumped off. The soldier seeing the situation, ran out into the street, grabbed at the lines as the horse plunged by, vaulted cowboy fashion on to the horse's back and in a minute or two had him under control. And then the women and children and men who saw the daring feat, pronounced the soldier a daisy.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Governor of the Philippines, who charges us with having exterminated the "unhappy natives of North America" instead of "bringing them to light of civilization," has evidently never heard of Sockalexis, the Cleveland base-ball player.—*Richmond Times, Dem.*

—— Advices from Madrid indicate that the end of the war may be a republic in Spain. It will not be surprising if it comes. There is a steady drift toward a republican form of government in all the countries of Europe, Russia and Portugal possibly expected.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Md.*

—— A considerable proportion of the volunteer army, which is to be organized under the call of the President, will probably be armed at once with the new Krag-Jorgensen rifles. The bureau of ordnance is said to have on hand a stock of approximately 60,000 of these guns, with ammunition enough to go with them.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Representative Campbell, of Illinois, who has just resigned his seat in the House and reported to the Secretary of War that he will at once raise a regiment, has the distinction of being the first member of the Fifty-fifth Congress to thus exchange the civil for the military service; and he likewise enjoys another distinction—he is a Democrat. —*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

"He proposed to me on a postal card." "Did you accept him?" "Of course not! Do you suppose I would marry a man who dosen't care two cents for me?"

— Judge—"Have you any reason to doubt the witness' word?" Counsel for the defense. "He told me, only the other day, that he was really fond of golf.

— "How did the Boston girl receive your letter offering marriage?" "She wouldn't have me because I don't like Ibsen, but she said my spelling and punctuation was better than she expected."

— Algy—"You say she only partially returned your affection?" Clarence—"Yes; and that's what I'm kicking about. She returned all the love-letters, but retained all the jewelry."

— I Suppose if war comes, old Gunshot will be where the bullets are the thickest." Oh, yes; he's going to drive an ammunition wagon." *Philadelpyia North American.*

— Bunched Again: Employer—John, after this when when any one calls hand him this silver tray and bring the card back on it." John—Dat's what I fought boss, but that gemman kept the tray."—*Harpers Bazar.*

— "How is the young King getting on in his studies?" inquired one member of the Spanish cabinet. "Well," replied the other, "he doesn't seem to have nearly as much trouble with geography as we have."—*Washington Star.*

— Mrs. Jackson—"Mr. Hawkins, I wish you'd decide a bet. Mr. Jackson says it is only 500 feet from here to the beach, and I say it's 1000 feet." Mr. Hawkins—"Well, I should say you were both right. It's about 500 to Jackson's feet and 1000 of yours." —*Tit-Bits.*

— Mrs. Longwed (yawning)—"Oh dear! I wonder if angels ever get sleepy" Mr. Longwed—"You never did when I was courting you, darling." Then the old rascal kissed his wife and went to the club without a struggle."—*Vanity Fair.*

— Father (severely)—"My son, this is a disgraceful state of affairs. The report says you are the last boy in the class of twenty-two." Henry—"I might have been worse, father." Father—"I can't see how." Henry—"There might have been more boys in the class."

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c. and $1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded. †

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SHIRT WAIST AND WASH SKIRT FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

A YOKE effect of an entirely new form appears in the shirt-waist model illustrated, which is made with a very broad box pleat in front. The distribution of the gathers under the yoke produces a becoming effect over the bust. A plain pointed yoke with a centre seam is added to the tailor back, which has no gathers except at the waist-line. The small shirt-sleeves are finished with a straight cuff, narrow enough to pass easily into the sleeves of a coat. The collar is the high turned-over model. The belt is of snake-skin with narrow buckled straps.

The tailor skirt for cotton fabrics, which has become such a necessity of the summer outfit, is an excellent design for white pique, linen crash, or cotton reps. The comfort of such skirts for midsummer, not only to the sense of the wearer, but also the eye of the beholder, is such that it insures them a long lease of popular favor. The skirt is a five gored model, made with a wide front gore. The back breadths may be pleated or gathered, as preferred. Three yards and a half is the width at the foot. The proper cut of the costume can be obtained only from the cut patterns furnished by HARPER'S BAZAR, where it is published.

The new form of sailor hat, with medium width brim, has a plain crown band and side bow with a buckle.

Approximate quantity of material for medium size: For shirt-waist—36 inches wide, 3 yards. For skirt—36 inches wide, 5¼ yards.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Shelby *Spindle and Loom:* About eighty of the children, grand children and great grand children of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beatty gathered at the old homestead, on last Tuesday, to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Beatty.

— Wilson *Times:* Last Saturday Mr. Dempsey Watson was in Kenly and was drinking. About 10 o'clock he left there to go to his home, near Kirby's Crossing, in this county. Sunday morning about 8 o'clock he was found about one mile this side of Kenly dead. He was near the railroad, a bruise on his head, and lying in a small pool of water.

— Asheville *Gazette:* Postmaster Long, of Skyland, has posed as a married man here, living with his alleged wife. If the statements of a fine-appearing woman who arrived in Skyland yesterday from Ohio, are proved true he is more of a married man than the law allows. The Ohio woman declares that Long is her husband and has sworn out a warrant for his arrest on the charge of bigamy.

— Sanford *Express:* Mr. James McNeill, who lived near Cool Springs church, died last Friday. He had been for some time a sufferer from paralysis. He was a brother of Mr. A. L. McNeill, of this place. —Boston Williams, colored, who lived near Glendon, committed suicide about two weeks ago by drowning himself in Deep river. It is thought that his mind was unbalanced by sickness. His body was found about a week after he committed the rash act.

— Winston *Sentinel:* We learn from an authoritative source that Messrs. Stewart Brothers, of this city, former State Printers, have filed an answer to the complaint filed some time ago by State Treasurer Worth, and in said answer the Messrs. Stewart deny specifically the charges contained in the complaint of the State Treasurer and set up in detail a long counter claim in which they allege that the State owes them the sum of $18,000 or more. It is believed by those acquainted with the facts that the State cannot recover the action against the defendants.

— Elizabeth City *Economist:* Gen. W. P. Roberts, of Gates county, who was the youngest Brigadier General in the Confederacy and who on the day before the surrender at Appamatox was presented by General Lee with a pair of spurs as a testimonial of his gallantry in in that period, has tendered his services to President McKinley in the existing Spanish American war. —— The work of the Dismal Swamp Canal goes bravely on. The lock at South Mills, is completed and the contractors are now working on the lock at Deep Creek, on the Virginia side. The whole work will be completed and opened to navagation in the fall. The next staple crops will be carried through D. S. Canal.

Be sure you are right, then go ahead. Be sure you get Hood's Sarsaparilla, and not some cheap and worthless substitute. †

A Family of Amateurs.

Cultured Mother—My dear, your sister Clara is an amateur pianist, Dora is an amateur photographer, Edna is an amateur painter and Elviza is an amateur astronomer, but you don't seem to be anything.

Pretty Daughter—Oh, yes, mamma, I am an amateur fiancee. Here's my first engagement ring.—London Tit-Bits.

A Great Find.

Lady of the House (to servant girl applying for a situation)—You were in the service of my friend, Baroness K. Why were you sent away?

Servant—Please, ma'am, for listening at the doors.

Lady—Ah, then I will take you, only you must promise to tell me all you heard.—London Fun.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E. GRISHAM, Gears Mills, La. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

MORE LIGHT.

"More light! more light!" when sunset
hues are steeping
All heaven and earth in waves of
living light;
And Silence, o'er creation calmly
creeping,
With lifted finger whispers her good
night.

"More light! more light!" when
Dawn's soft golden tresses,
Blown through the sky, proclaim
the vigil o'er,
And rosy, to the zephyrs sweet caresses,
Aurora smiles through Heaven's
half-open door.

"Moore light! more light!" when Doubt,
with iron fingers,
Has fastened on the ardent living
soul;
"More light!" to cheer the heart where
Love yet lingers,
And point the way that Faith may
find the goal.

"More light!" when from the rugged
road of duty
The Tempter with his lures would
lead astray;
"More light!" to sweep the mask of
joy and beauty
From promises which wile but betray.

"More light!" when from the heart
the hope most cherished
Goes out in deepest darkness and
despair;
"More light!" to live when life's desire
has perished,
And heaven seems to close against
our prayer.

"More light!" upon the page so full of
wonder,
Which God's great gracious love to
man has given;
That through the veil which Christ has
rent asunder
The light may stream to show the
path to heaven.

"More light!" for dying eyes when
sunlight fails them,
And all creation quivers to the sight;
"More light!" O God! Thy light alone
avails them,
And Thou will give it, for Thou art
the Light!

—*Temple Bar Magazine.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Every woman who has to live with a drunken husband knows that the devil is still loose.

— The devil can take a little rest when Christians begin to quarrel among themselves.

— Habits, soft and pliant at first, are like some coral stones, which are easily cut when first quarried, but soon become as hard as adamant.—*Spurgeon.*

— Despair makes a despicable figure, and is descended from a mean original. It is the offspring of fear, laziness and impatience. It argues a defect of spirit and resolution, and oftentimes of honesty too.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

— How good it is for those who are bereaved and sorrowful that our Christian festivals point forward and upward as well as backward; that the eternal joy, to which we are drawing even nearer, is linked to the earthly joy which has passed away.—*Mrs. Charles.*

— It is only fire that kindles fire. It is only life that propagates life. It is only spiritual energy that stirs spiritual energy in other accessible and responsible souls. We need to be pressed in spirit as Paul was in Corinth; to have these fires burning in our hearts for the salvation of men, and then conversion unto Him who came from the heaven to the earth to uplift and redeem them.—*R. H. Storrs.*

— We do not realize the importance of the unconscious part of our life ministry. It goes on continually. In every greeting we give to another on the street in every moment's conversation, in every letter we write, in every contract with other lives, there is a subtle influence that goes from us that often reaches further, and leaves a deeper impression than the things themselves that we are doing at the time. It is not so much what we do in this world as what we are, that tells its spiritual results and impressions.—*J. R. Miller, D. D.*

Spring Medicine

Is made a necessity by the impure condition of the blood after winter's hearty foods, and breathing vitiated air in home, office, schoolroom or shop. When weak, thin or impure, the blood cannot nourish the body as it should. The demand for cleansing and invigorating is grandly met by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives the blood just the quality and vitality needed to maintain health, properly digest food, build up and steady the nerves and overcome that tired feeling. It is the ideal Spring Medicine. Get only

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America's Greatest Medicine. C. I. HOOD & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills and Sick Headache. 25c.

The Modern Agnostic.

We look at our churches with their congregations, growing in numbers and dwindling in faith, says H. G. Chapman in The Atlantic, and we ask ourselves: In all these buildings, cheap or costly, what real prayers rise, and of those that rise do any get above the roof? What God hears them and has there ever been an answered prayer? We look at the face of the dead and repeat a burial service. If after the manner of man I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me if the dead rise not? And as we say the words we ask ourselves, "Do the dead rise?" And if any one is found who believes these things he knows that there is another at his elbow who believes them not a whit or an atom, and these two can hit on no universe that shall satisfy both, nor can one be poet to the other

A Clever Trick.

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☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6½
Standard		@	7½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½	@	7
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	6½	@	6¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6
BARRELS Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		@	50
Virginia Meal		@	50
COTTON TIES— ℔ bundle		@	50
CANDLES— ℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	20
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE— ℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE— ℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	15
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	7¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS— ℔ dozen		@	9
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		@	3 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	7½
Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR— ℔ ℔			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 50
Straight	4 40	@	4 80
First Patent	5 75	@	6 00
GLUE— ℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN— ℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	38½
Car load, in bags—White	50	@	51
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	75
HIDES— ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	95
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔			
Northern	6½	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (cut sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, rosawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	12 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	29
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 60	@	1 70
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 00	@	11 50
Rump		@	11 50
Prime	11	@	11 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	10
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	70
Lisbon		@	70
American		@	70
On 100 ℔ Sacks		@	50
SHINGLES, Cypress, ℔ M—			
Common	3 00	@	3 00
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5½
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	8 00
Mill, Fair	7 50	@	8 00
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress, sawed			
℔ M 24in heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
18in Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 00
12in Heart	6 00	@	6 00
" Sap	4 00	@	5 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	5	@	5½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	1 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00
WOOL, ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, April 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 30 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 29½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market steady at $1.00 per bbl for Strained and $1.05 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.25 per barrel for Hard, $1.90 for Dip, and $1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin firm, $1.35, $1.30; tar firm, $1.00; crude turpentine steady, $1.20, $1.70, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	61
Rosin	472
Tar	135
Crude Turpentine	8

Receipts same day last year.—32 casks spirits turpentine, 316 bbls rosin, 620 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 6c per pound for middling. Quotations: Ordinary 3 9-16 cts. ℔ lb. Good Ordinary 4⅞ " " Low Middling 5 9-16 " " Middling 6 " " Good Middling 6¼ " "

Same day last year, middling 7½c.

Receipts—423 bales; same day last year, 60.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $2.50 to $6.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6@7 per cent. Sterling exchange weak; actual business in bankers bills 483¾@484 for demand; 480¾@481 for sixty days. Posted rates 481½@482 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480@480¼. Silver certificates —15,000 ounces sold, 57½@57¾, closed 57¼@58. Bar silver 56¾. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds firm; U. S. new 4's registered 118; do. coupon, 119; U. S. 4's 106½; do. coupon, 108; U. S. 2's, 95; U. S. 5's, registered, 109½; do. 5's, coupon, 110¾. State bonds strong; N. C. 6's 120; 4's 102½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Rosin was steady; strained, common to good $1 42½@1 45. Spirits turpentine firm at 34c.

CHARLESTON, April 30.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 27½c; no sales. Rosin steady and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, April 30.—Spirits turpentine firm at 28c; sales 595 casks; receipts 1,924 casks. Rosin firm; sales 2,545 barrels; receipts 4,480 barrels; A, B, C, D, E $1 10, F $1 15, G $1 30, H $1 50, I $1 50, K $1 50, M $1 55, N $1 65, window glass $1 70, water white $1 80.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The cotton market opened steady, with prices 2@3 points higher on favorable Liverpool cables, but there was little further variation, with speculation nerveless. At 11 o'clock the market was dull, but steady at a net gain of 1@3 points. Wall street selling toward the close unsettled the market and caused a break. The decline from the highest to the lowest prices of the day was a matter of 4@6 points. The market closed weak at a net loss of 3@4 points.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Cotton was quiet; middling 6¾c.

Cotton futures closed weak; sales 48,200 bales at quotations: May 6.12c, June 6.17c, July 6.22c, August 6.26c, September 6.26c, October 6.27c, November 6.29c, December 6.31c, January 6.33c.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 6¾c; middling gulf 6¾c; sales 1,018 bales.

Net receipts 500 bales; gross receipts 580 bales; forwarded 528 bales; sales 1,018 bales; stock 76,995 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 14,363 bales; exports to Great Britain 10,948 bales; exports to the Continent 8,828 bales; stock 666,890 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 8,187,110 bales; exports to Great Britain 3,118,400 bales; exports to France 758,137 bales; exports to the Continent 3,678,918 bales.

April 30—Galveston, quiet at 5¾, net receipts 134 bales; Norfolk, steady at 6¼c, net receipts 370 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 6 5-16c, net receipts — bales; Boston, dull at 6¾, net receipts 1,226 bales; Wilmington, steady at 6¼c, net receipts 423 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6¾c, net receipts 240 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5¾c, net receipts 2,049 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 5¾c, net receipts 8,310 bales; Mobile quiet at 5¾c, net receipts 1,147 bales; Memphis, steady at 5¾c, net receipts 723 bales; Augusta, steady at 6c, net receipts 401 bales; Charleston, nominal at 5¾c, net receipts — bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Flour was quiet and strongly held at prices; city mill patents $7 00@7 30. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red $1 20½; No. 1 hard Duluth $1 29; options were generally strong all day, influenced by heavy covering on reports of Russian famine and big weekly clearances; closed 1c lower on May but ⅝@1c higher on later months, No. 2 red May $1 17½@1 19, closed $1 18¼; July $1 01¾@1 03, closed $1 02⅝; September 88⅞@89¼c, closed 89¼c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 40¾c; options fairly active and strong on higher cables, liberal weekly clearances and the advance in wheat, closing ¼@½c higher; May closed 39½c; July 39¾c; September closed 40¼c. Oats—Spot stronger; No. 2 35c; options active and strong on a big advance in cash and closed ¼c higher; May closed 33c. Lard firmer; Western steam closed $6 08; May $6 08, nominal; refined firm. Pork firm; mess $10 75@11 00; short clear $11 00@13 00; family $12 00@12 50. Butter firm; Western creamery 15@17c; do. factory 12¼@15c; Elgins 17c; imitation creamery 14½@16c; State dairy 14@16¼c; do creamery 15@17. Cheese firm; large white 8¼c. Cotton seed oil steadier but business retarded by strength of freight rates; prime crude 19¼@20c, nominal; butter oil 26@28c; prime summer yelow 34@34½c. Petroleum dull; refined New York $5 60; Philadelphia and Baltimore $5 55; do. in bulk $3 05. Rice strong; domestic, fair to extra 4¼@6¼c; Japan 5¼@6c. Cabbage was quiet; Southern $1 75@2 00. Coffee—Spot Rio was firm; No. 7 invoice 7c; No. 7 jobbing 7¼c; mild firm; Cordova 8½@15½c. Sugar—Raw strong and held higher; fair refining 3¾c; centrifugal 96 test 4¾c; refined strong; granulated 5 7-16c; mould A 5 11-16c.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Quotations had a good advance to-day on the board of trade. July wheat gained 1⅛@1⅛c; oats 4c., pork 25c., lard 17½c. and ribs 15c. May wheat ruled quiet, closing ⅛c. higher. Shorts covered

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"A thousand thanks, your majesty. How shall I ever repay you?"

"Don't worry about that, my dear sir. If you cannot serve me in one capacity, you shall in another. I happen to be badly in need of a new portmanteau, and my stock of rhinoceros hide is completely exhausted. From what I have read in the comic papers your skin, I am convinced, will prove an admirable substitute."—Strand Magazine.

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HERE AND THERE.

It is the season now to go
About the country high and low
Among the lilacs hand in hand
And two by two in fairyland.

The brooding boy, the sighing maid,
Wholly fain and half afraid,
Do meet along the hazeled brook
To pause and linger, pause and look.

A year ago and, blithe paired,
Their rough and tumble play they shared;
They kissed and quarreled, laughed and cried,
A year ago at Eastertide.

Her whom with rude, uplifted hand
He did bethreaten or command,
Her in a somewhat longer dress,
He now would tremble to caress.

Now by the stile abluse she stops,
And his demurer eyes he drops.
Now they exchange averted sighs
Or stand and marry silent eyes.

And he to her a hero is,
And sweeter she than primroses,
Their common silence dearer far
Than nightingale and marvis are.

Now when they sever wedded hands
Joy trembles in their bosom strands,
And every laughter leaps and falls
Upon their lips in madrigals.

—Facts and Fiction.

Want of Tact.

Never say too much. Manners go a great way, and delicate matters managed with tact can be carried out without the slightest blow to the sensitive feelings of the parties concerned. It is not tact to rush up to a person and say, "How ill you are looking." Any one who is not feeling well generally knows all about it and does not like to be reminded of the fact. On the contrary, in meeting anybody who is looking particularly well or handsome, then is the time to speak. To be able to keep people in good humor and never rub them the wrong way shows a wonderful amount of tact, but how many people there are who are always doing or saying the wrong thing.

Two old school friends who had not seen each other in years met again a short time ago, and almost immediately after the first words of greeting had been exchanged, the one exclaimed to the other, "Why, you look as if you had been crying for years; your face is so wrinkled."

Now that remark, to say the least, did not show tact, and in a measure it destroyed the old feeling of affection which had existed for so many years. People do not like to be told disagreeable facts, but when an unpleasant truth must be told, to use a little tact in the telling of it will make the hurt less deep. Say and do pleasant things in this world whenever it is possible, but if disagreeable ones come to the surface handle them as gently as possible to spare the feelings of others.—Detroit Free Press.

Dressmakers' Superstitions.

Theatrical folk are generally supposed to take the palm for superstition, but dressmakers are not far behind. No matter how gilt edged and "madamed" and given to big bills and scornful of anybody who comes to her afoot she may be, and especially of the somebody who can't afford silk lining, she wouldn't dream of sewing the gown while upon you. "Take a stitch while you're trying the dress on!" she cries. "Mercy, no! I wouldn't dream of such a dreadful thing. Don't you know what it means? Every one of those stitches would stand for a lie that somebody was telling about you, and the longer the stitch the bigger the lie." That is what she will tell you if you ask her or any of her aids to take the least little "tack" in the garment. "Well, I will if you're willing to run the risk," said one of the profession resignedly. "Yes, I know I can't do it so well off you, but it'll take at least six stitches, and that means just six lies—big lies, too, for the stitches are awful long." She regarded the customer who was willing to fly thus in the face of fate as nothing short of a marvel.

Another superstition of the dressmaker concerns basting threads. Basting threads in a finished garment are a sign that you haven't paid for it. It doesn't do the slightest good to produce the receipted bill. The dressmaker may have receipted the bill herself, but if she finds a stray "baster" anywhere in the garment she has all the air of doubting her own memory and signature.

Another superstition is that when a customer "tries on" a dress skirt and the hem at the back remains turned up in a great peak it is a sign that she has a "new beau." The deeper the turn up the bigger the beau, or rather, the more epris is he. Nothing can convince a dressmaker to the contrary, and as it is a case where no rejected bill testimony can be called into play it is even more useless to argue about it than about the "basters."—New York Sun.

Not Prettier.

"I don't see why you should sneer at my engagement ring," said the fair girl, with the flush of indignation on her cheek, as she faced the belle of the neighboring town. "It's a great deal prettier than the one you wore three years ago and have not worn since!"

"No, dear," replied her friend, with a cool, faraway look in her voice; "not prettier, but quite as pretty. It's the same ring."—London Fun.

DESCENDED FROM KINGS.

Unostentatious New Yorkers Whose Ancestors Ruled Kingdoms.

There is an unwritten nobility in the United States, a nobility that is proud of its blue blood, its origin, its forefathers who held exalted rank and wore titles that were in some instances royal. A society was quietly organized some years ago with the avowed purpose of regenerating those neglected and forgotten springs of nobility and tracing the family trees to their very roots, uncovering the secrets of an ancestry that might extend back to the crusaders. This society made considerable headway and exposed the royal connection in very many instances, and the researches so thoroughly satisfied a certain number of their blood—so intensely blue was it—that they in turn formed themselves into a second society, consisting of those whose line extends back to the throne—to some throne whose importance among the then nations of the earth was not considered, so long as it was a bona fide throne, with a genuine ruler sitting thereon, wielding a scepter and wearing the imperial purple.

The members of this inner circle are for the most part New Yorkers by birth and residence.

The most conspicuous, probably, is James Gordon Bennett of The Herald. Mr. Bennett is a direct descendant on his mother's side of Edward I of England and the probability of his sitting one day on the throne of Great Britain is, it must be confessed, not altogether clear, although it is not outside the limits of possibility. He is the forty-seventh in the line of heritage, and a revolution might bring him much closer. As to the present mode of addressing Mr. Bennett, as he has practically become a Parisian, he would, no doubt prefer son altess to his highness should he conclude to claim the title which it is certain his descent gives him every right to use.

As a relative of Mr. Bennett the distinction of royalty naturally belongs also to Marmaduke Richardson, who is duke of Schomberg, and has voluminous documents to prove not alone his regal lineage, but the actual personal claim he possesses to the title of duke. It must be understood that in corresponding between the various members of this society their ancestral titles are always employed, and they are addressed as "My Dear Prince," as in the case of Mr. Bennett, for example, or "My Dear Duke," as with Mr. Richardson. And many members have letter paper emblazoned with their individual position.

George McLean, an official in one of the large fire insurance companies on Broadway, New York, is a leading member of the society, and enjoys the title of Earl of Iona, a distinction that has been recognized through many generations of his family, but has never been publicly claimed. Mr. McLean is possessed of documents showing a descent from Louis IX of France, whose crusades in the establishment of Christianity and whose tireless efforts in the direction of civilization earned him the name of St. Louis. This ruler made his nephew lord of the holy isles, warranted to employ the title of Earl of Iona. Charles Heidsleck, well known in New York, is, in reality, Prince Heidsleck von Ravensberg, inheriting his title from an old German family of great distinction and whose estates were at one period the most extensive on the Rhine. The artist Thulstrup is Comte de Thulstrup, although he never makes use of the honor, and few of his acquaintances are even aware that he possesses it. In fact, to give him entire credit, he is authorized to sign himself "General Comte de Thulstrup." Connelly, the well known hatter, modestly conceals the fact that as a direct descendant of the last Irish king he is none other than Lord Connelly, although it is doubtful that he has ever said so outside the society, of which he has long been a member. There are a hundred others enjoying, if it be an enjoyment, the possession of a title while apparently only unassuming American citizens, but these instances are sufficient to indicate that we really have an unwritten nobility.—New York Mail and Express.

He Was Willing.

A correspondent of the Boston Journal tells this story of Calvin S. Brice: A friend of his had a scheme for building a tramway across the White pass to connect with the lakes leading up to the Klondike. This man telegraphed Brice a description of the project that fairly made the wires glow. All he wanted was $100,000 to put the scheme through, and it was sure to yield $125,000 profit every month right from the start. How much of the $100,000 would Brice take? By return wire came the message: "You needn't look any farther. I'll take the whole of it. Pay for it out of the first month's earnings. Send on the $25,000 surplus at once."

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Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 7th-9th, with final limit of fifteen days.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S.

Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 17th-19th, with final limit to June 6th.

NORFOLK, VA

Southern Baptist and Auxiliary Conventions.

Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 2nd-6th, with final limit of fifteen days.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Twentieth of May Celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Rate of one fare for the round trip, tickets on sale May 16th-19th, and one cent per mile travelled from points within a radius of two hundred miles; tickets on sale 18th-19th with final limit May 23rd.

Reunion of Confederate Veterans.

Rate of one cent per mile travelled, tickets on sale May 18th-19th with final limit May 23rd.

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TARBORO, N. C., Nov. 3, 1897.

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth, 9:00 a. m., leaves Weldon 11:05 a. m., Raleigh 1:24 p. m., Sanford 3:00 p. m., Hamlet 4:30 p. m., Rockingham 7:20 p. m., Wadesboro 8:11 p. m., Monroe 9:13 p. m., Charlotte 10:25 p. m., Athens 2:45 a. m., and Atlanta 5:30 a. m. Connects at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

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Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 6:15a. m. Arrives Lumberton 8:40 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Pembroke 9:31 a. m., Lumberton 9:53 a. m., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 403—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 m. leaves Athens 3:16 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:36 p. m., arrives Shelby 5:30 p. m., Lincolnton 6:56 p. m., Charlotte 8:05 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m., Wadesboro 10:31 p. m., Rockingham 11:05 p. m., Hamlet 11:25 p. m., Sanford 1:05 a. m., Raleigh 3:15 a. m., Weldon 4:55 a. m., Portsmouth 7:30 a. m., Richmond 8:30 a. m., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 p. m., arrives Gibson 8:30 p. m. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 a. m., arrives Hamlet 7:50 a. m.

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NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 25 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 40 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 38 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 P. M.
Leave Greensboro	12 17 "
Leave Climax	12 45 "
Leave Sanford	3 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 48 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 30 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4. DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 09 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 18. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 19. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	3 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 45 "
Leave Climax	4 30 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect April 10, 1898

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10:00 a. m., Warsaw 11.04 a. m., Goldsboro 12.05 p. m., Wilson 12.55 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:42 p. m., Tarboro 2:31 p. m., Weldon 4:43 p. m., Petersburg 6.30 p. m., Richmond 7:15 p. m., Norfolk 8.55 p. m., Washington 11:30 p. m., Baltimore 1:06 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 3:00 p. m.

DAILY No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:55 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:45 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:37 p. m., Weldon 1:40 a. m., †Norfolk 10:15 a. m., Petersburg 2:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:05 a. m., Philadelphia 11:26 a. m., New York 2.03 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville except Sunday 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

Sunday 2.25 P. M

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5:00 p. m., Chadbourn 5:41 p. m., Marion 6:43 p. m., Florence 7:25 p. m., Sumter 9:10 p. m., Columbia 10:30 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:25 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 5:25 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1:00 p. m., *New York 9:00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a. m., Baltimore 2:30 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:00 a. m., Norfolk 9:10 a. m., Weldon 11:35 a. m., Tarboro 12:38 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:05 p. m., Wilson 2:37 p. m., Goldsboro 3:20 p. m., Warsaw 4:11 p. m., Magnolia 4.94 p. m.

DAILY No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:09 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:45 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:13 p. m., †Norfolk 2:30 p. m., Weldon 5:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:00 p. m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern except 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:25 a. m. Sunday 12.15 P. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:27 p. m., Jacksonville 7:00 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:35 a. m., Columbia 6.45 a. m., Atlanta 8:30 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 3:00 p. m., Denmark 4:47 p. m., Sumter 6:13 a. m., Florence 9:35 a. m., Marion 10:36 a. m., Chadbourn 11:38 a. m., Lake Waccamaw 12:09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 2:55 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5:20 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:53 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7:30 a. m., Greenville 8:32 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 12:30 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.; arrive Parmele 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.; returning leaves Parmele 9:30 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5:30 p. m.; Sunday, 4:15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m. and 6:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:30 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10:05 a. m. and 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Brunch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7:10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8:30 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9:00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 8.05 p. m., spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 8.10 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 a. m. and 10.00 p. m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.06 a. m., arrive Latta 10.25 a. m., Dillon 10.30 a. m., Rowland 10.54 a. m. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.18 p. m.; arrives Dillon 6.33 p. m., Latta 6.46 p. m., Pee Dee 7.10 p. m., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leaves Hub at 2:25 a. m., Chadbourn 12:06 a. m.; arrive Conway 1:40 p. m.; leave Conway 2:45 p. m., Chadbourn 5:45 p. m.; arrive Hub 5:35 p. m. Daily except

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 1, 1898

ADVICES FROM MADRID.

Efforts to Increase the National War Fund—Two Foreign Warships Purchased—No News from Manila.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, April 30.—Noon—The greatest efforts are being made here, and throughout the country, to increase the national war fund. It is proposed, for instance, to have tables ornamented with the national colors, at all the Madrid churches throughout the month of May. These tables will be attended by society ladies, whose names and the amounts they collect for the fund will be published in the newspapers.

The traditional festival of May 2nd, in honor of D. A. Oiz Velarde, will be celebrated by a procession of veterans to the monument in the Prado, where open air masses will be celebrated by artillery salutes.

The Spanish colony in Mexico telegraphs that, besides contributing a warship, a subscription in aid of the national fund to increase the strength of the Spanish navy has been opened in Mexico, and that 18,000,000 pesetas have already been collected.

It is pointed out here that since Germany has made no declaration of neutrality, German factories are not precluded from supplying Spain with war materials.

It is reported that the Spanish government has purchased two foreign warships, but no details regarding the newly acquired vessels are obtainable.

10 P. M.—Up to this hour no news has been received from Manila.

LONDON, April 30.—It is reported from Berlin that the Queen Regent of Spain appealed to the Czar for assistance. The Czar replied that he does not consider it time yet for Russian interference, but at the proper time he will do what is possible.

NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The House Rejected the Conference Report and a Further Conference Was Ordered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—To-day's session of the House was devoted chiefly to the consideration of the conference report upon the Naval Appropriation bill, presented yesterday by Chairman Boutelle. The report was rejected, after three hours of debate and further conference will follow.

The only ground upon which the fight against the report was made was found in the Senate amendment to compensate naval officers for government use of their inventions and authorizing them to have their claims for such compensation adjudicated in the court of claims. Mr. Boutelle led the support of the amendment and Messrs. Cannon and Sayers the opposition. A resolution introduced by Mr. Cannon, insisting upon eliminating the amendment, was adopted, 118 to 42, and the naval bill then was again sent to conference. The Speaker named as conferees upon the part of the House, Messrs. Cannon, W. A. Stone and Sayers.

The House passed the bill providing for the organization of a naval battalion, to consist of not more than four companies, in the District of Columbia.

At 4.29 P. M. the House adjourned.

THE STORM OFF HATTERAS.

Schooner Geo. L. Fessenden Lost—Master, Mate and Two Seamen Drowned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 30.—A special to the *Observer* from Hatteras says that the storm off the cape on the 27th and 28th was frightful. The wind blew from sixty to seventy-six miles, with occasional gusts of 100 miles.

On the 27th, the schooner George L. Fessenden, Captain Norton, Philadelphia, to Southport with granite stone for Fort Caswell, stranded off Chicamicomico. She was beaten to pieces and Captain Norton, the mate and two seamen drowned. The rest of the crew was rescued by life savers.

The Diamond Shoals light ship rode out the gale safely.

The trucking interests have been injured by the high tides.

STEAMER PARIS.

Arrived in New York With Passengers and Munitions of War.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The American line steamer Paris arrived this morning from Southampton, after a rough passage of seven days, seventeen hours and forty-five minutes, with nine saloon, forty-two second cabin, and ninety-seven steerage passengers.

The Paris brought sixteen cases of munitions of war and a small quantity of miscellaneous merchandise.

It is expected that the Paris will discharge her cargo to-day and will be received by the naval authorities to-morrow morning, when her name will be changed to Yale. The Paris has a crew of 289, and two mail clerks. She also brought two stowaways.

NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS.

Senator Butler Wants the State to Furnish Three Regiments.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Senator Butler, of North Carolina, was at the War Department to-day endeavoring to make arrangements by which his State will be permitted to furnish three regiments of infantry instead of two. He says there are a large number of colored people in his State who can stand the climate of Cuba and who are anxious to enlist, and if favorable action is taken in Congress on a bill providing for an additional number of regiments, the Senator thinks North Carolina will be permitted to send her necessary quota.

Torpedo boat Scorpion left the Brooklyn navy yard late last evening, but her destination was not made known.

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WARSHIPS USE THEIR GUNS.

The New York Throws a Few Shells at Spanish Fortifications on the Coast.

THE BLOCKADE CONTINUES.

Strict Watch Kept for a Possible Torpedo Attack—A Brush With Cavalry—A Fishing Schooner Seized.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

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ON BOARD THE FLAGSHIP NEW YORK, April 29, 11 A. M., via Key West, April 30.—The blockade continues as before. The flagship lies to the westward of Havana.

The torpedo boat Porter, while close into shore last night, reported having been fired upon by the Cojimar battery, which is to the eastward of Morro Castle. The plucky little Porter escaped unscathed.

The coast of Cuba is being carefully patrolled by Spanish cavalry.

News of the movements of the United States army is eagerly awaited by the fleet, and there is much speculation as to when the troops will be ready.

While the Dauntless, the dispatch boat of the Associated Press, was making her way from Key West early this morning, she was sighted by the flagship. The lookouts on the New York were unable to make out her identity, owing to the mist and the distance which separated her from the flagship, and a four-inch shell was fired in her direction. It was not aimed at the Dauntless, but was only sent near enough to make her heave to. The Dauntless thinking she was being fired at by a Spaniard, promptly put about and steamed away. Then she was recognized, and a few minutes later the recognition became mutual and the Dauntless came alongside the New York. Later she proceeded to Matanzas.

Suspicious Movements.

Learning that mines and earthworks were being placed and built at Mariel, in the province of Pinar del Rio, not far from Havana, the flagship moved in that direction, accompanied by three torpedo boats, but there was no sign of movement at Mariel and the flagship proceeded to a point twenty-five miles west of Havana and about ten miles beyond Mariel. There suspicious movements were observed ashore, probably work on fortifications. Consequently the flagship fired three shots in that direction from one of her big guns. The firing, however, brought no response and the flagship returned to her station.

A strict watch for a possible torpedo attack is being kept on board the flagship. All the available officers take deck watches at night, including the chaplain, paymaster's clerk and the assistant surgeon.

The small craft captured by the Wilmington yesterday was only taken to Key West because her crew were members of the second Spanish naval reserve. It was thought, also, that they might be members of the crew of one of the torpedo gunboats, for which vessels a very sharp lookout is being kept.

The Cabanas Affair.

The full details of the Cabanas affair are that the New York was lying quietly outside the picturesque harbor of Cabanas, about two miles off shore, an inspection trip of the coast having just been completed. The flagship was accompanied by the torpedo boats Porter and Ericsson. A return to the station off Morro Castle, Havana, was contemplated, the band was playing its usual dinner music, when from a hill to the eastward of Cabanas harbor, came the sound of volley-firing. It was plainly a small arms attack, though no smoke was seen. The enemy was thought to be hidden close to the beach and in front of a ruined white building which sloped as if it had once been the hacienda of a tobacco plantation. Now and again individual firing was heard and well regulated volleys continued at intervals. It was conjectured that one troop of cavalry, dismounted, was doing the firing. The officers of the flagship stood on her deck trying to ascertain definitely the exact location of the enemy, more amused than annoyed at this novel method of attacking an armored cruiser. However, Rear Admiral Sampson and Captain Chadwick decided that the lesson taught at Matanzas must be taught again at Cabanas. "Man the port battery," was the order.

At a few minutes past 6 o'clock the four-inch guns in the after-port battery sent a shot flying over the water into Cuba's soil, raising a liitle cloud of dust about 100 yards in front of the hacienda and just above where the Spanish cavalry stood. Before the hills, growing dim in the evening mist, has ceased reechoing and reverberating the first report, the other four-inch guns in the after battery had landed their projectiles. A few more shots from this battery were fired, but the ground were evidently damp, no dust arose, and it was hard to tell where the shell fell. They were fired at three to four hundred yards range. The Spaniards were not heard from after the first shot.

Target Practice Ended.

The New York then turned her bow eastward. The target firing apparently was over for the evening. Her starboard batteries now bore on the coast. A moment or so later Captain Chadwick saw the Spanish cavalry, then mounted, ascending a hill toward the hacienda, and he personally trained a four-inch gun and planted two shots, the second one plumping right among the Spaniards who scattered in all directions. The New York then steamed ahead toward Morro Castle and the band of the flagship continued its musical programme.

The trip, which ended the target practice at Cabanas, commenced about noon, when the flagship with the Ericsson and Porter started westward. The admiral was anxious to personally investigate the blockade in the harbor.

Upon this occasion the first good view of the city of Havana was obtained, the New York steaming within range of her batteries. When out of range of the Santa Clara batteries, after passing the Iowa, Detroit, Mangrove and Mayflower, the flagship proceeded westward, steaming about two miles distant from the shore.

When Mariel, twenty-five miles from Havana was reached, the flagship came to a standstill and the gunboat Castine, which is guarding that port, was hailed. Captain Berry thereupon went on board the flagship and held a consulation with the Admiral. A careful inspection of Mariel harbor revealed the presence of two small Spanish gunboats and four schooners, well in behind an old-fashioned martello tower on one side and a flimsy little fort on the other. Combined battery of the two "fortifications" is one muzzle-loading cannon. The last blockade house of the westward trocha loomed up on a sharp bluff shadowing the little town.

After lying for forty minutes close in to this picturesque harbor, with its low, red roofed warehouses, royal palms and mountainous setting, the admiral proceeded to Cabanas, saying jokingly to the correspondent: "Mariel looked altogether too peaceful to be disturbed."

It is believed, however, that in spite of its peaceful appearance mines have been laid beneath the smooth waters of Cabanas harbor.

ON BOARD ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH BOAT DAUNTLESS, via Key West, April 30.—The Dauntless, dispatch boat to the Associated Press, returned to Key West this afternoon, after a fifty-four hours cruise of one hundred miles along the northern coast of Cuba.

The Cincinnati was visited by the Dauntless yesterday. Captain Chester and all the other officers of the cruiser are much pleased with the result of the bombardment of Wednesday. They believe they rendered the batteries of Matanzas useless, as they have given no signs of activity since then. The Spanish troops can easily be seen on shore from the deck of the Cincinnati.

No seizures have been made recently by any vessels of the fleet, though the Cincinnati held up a fishing schooner, whose crew was badly frightened. They offered their entire catch for their release. The schooner was allowed to go. There are two Spanish gunboats which are evidently trying to escape from Cuban waters. Capt. Evans, of the Iowa, told the correspondent that he had seen them a long distance off, but they were very shy, and would not come near enough to be shot at, and afterward ran back into port. It will be next to impossible for them to escape the vigilance of the squadron now.

Except the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII., a hopeless cripple, there is nothing in Havana harbor which could not be blown out of the water by the Mayflower or Mangrove. All the officers of the fleet positively hunger for news from the United States, particularly regarding the movements of the army and the doings of the Spanish ships at the Cape de Verde islands.

Cubans Excited.

KEY WEST, April 30.—The Cubans here are highly excited over the following telegram received from T. Estrada Palma, of the New York Junta:

"Assemble and send to Tampa immediately all young unmarried healthy Cubans disposed to go to Cuba; also all officers of our army. Delegation will sustain families of enlisted."

Tampa is made the general rendezvous of the Cuban forces. Enlistments will begin here to-morrow morning.

AT THE PHILIPPINES.

American Warships Have Not Yet Attacked Manila—The Spanish Fleet Cruising Outside.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HONG KONG, April 30, 2:30 p. m.—The British steamer Memnon, which has just arrived here from Manila, capital of the Philippine islands, reports having seen the Spanish fleet cruising outside Manila. She did not see any vessels of the United States fleet. The latter is supposed to be close in shore, trying to communicate with the insurgents, preparatory to continuing on to Manila.

2.30 P. M.—If the reports which are current here are true, the United States fleet has a difficult task to accomplish. It is said that the entrance of Manila bay is commanded by from fifty to sixty heavy guns, well placed, and it is added that it will be impossible for the American warships to enter the bay without the co-operation of a strong land force. Therefore, it is believed, Commodore Dewey will not attempt to force the entrance into the harbor, but will blockade the port until the insurgents move on Manila.

Agents of the insurgents here are trying to charter a steamer, in expectation of being able to transport a force of insurgents to the vicinity of Manila bay.

The cable to Manila is still intact, but the transmission of news regarding military or naval movemens in the Philippine islands is barred.

THE FLYING SQUADRON.

Rumored That the Vessels are About to Sail from Fort Monroe.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—It was reported this evening in departmental circles that the flying squadron was about to sail from Fortress Monroe. The officials refused to affirm or deny the correctness of this statement, but it is assumed that if the report is true the vessels are to be used as scouts to detect the approach of the Spanish vessels.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Record of Base Ball Games Played Yesterday by the Clubs.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Washington—Washington, 7; Boston, 4.

Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 2; Cincinnati, 11.

Cleveland—Cleveland, 1; St. Louis, 4.

New York—Brooklyn, 4; Philadelphia, 6.

Baltimore—Baltimore, 4; New York, 1.

WARM WIRELETS.

It is reported by Cubans at Key West that Blanco was burning towns in the interior of Cuba.

The British consul at Santiago de Cuba has cabled to the colonial authorities his belief that a British warship should be sent there to protect British interests.

The wrestling match at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., between Ernest Roper and Yousoff, the "Terrible Turk" was declared no contest, the police having interfered.

About 130 Cubans left New York last night to join the United States troops at Tampa. The contingent will be augmented at Philadelphia and other points along the line of travel. It is in command of General Castillo.

The Clipper Gap powder works, located near Auburn, California, were blown up yesterday. It is supposed that lightning caused the explosion. These works resumed operations a few days ago after several months' idleness.

The Georgia railroad elevator and warehouse at Augusta, capacity 150,000 bushels grain, burned this (Sunday) morning. Total loss estimated at $200,000. Origin unknown. All stock composed of grain and provisions.

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AWAITING NEWS OF DEWEY'S FLEET.

All Interest for the Time Concentrated on Affairs in the Philippines.

NEW WARSHIPS TO BE BUILT.

Mosquito Fleet for Defence of Atlantic Coast Cities—Affairs in the East—China's Failure to Declare Neutrality Favorable to the United States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—All interest to-day was concentrated on the Philippines, though it seemed almost hopeless to expect any news directly from there, which is for the present, at least, the critical point of naval operations. Indeed, one high official well versed in the plans of the strategy board, declared that upon the result of the engagement which Commodore Dewey is expected to have had with the Spanish fleet to-day, or within a day or two at least, might depend to an extent the outcome of the war. When Secretary Long left the Navy Department, he had received no word from Commodore Dewey nor from any point in the East.

Secretary Long received a dispatch from Captain Sampson relative to the shelling of Matanzas batteries, but had no information whatever as to the reported attack upon Cardenas yesterday. The impression prevails at the department among those who are not taken into the secrets of the naval war board that these moves of Captain Sampson are of a strategic character and not accidental happenings as might be supposed from their apparently spontaneous character.

Key West evidently is to be made a base of the first order of importance so far as the fleet is concerned. Otherwise Secretary Long never would have called upon an officer of such high rank as Commodore Remey to command the station. The Commodore has been relieved at the Portsmouth navy-yard, New Hampshire, by a retired officer of rank. Two more retired officers of a high order of ability are to be called into service Monday in the persons of Naval Constructors S. W. Steele and W. L. Mintonye. The board of bureau chiefs is now engaged in preparing the advertisements calling for the construction of torpedo boats and destroyers.

There will be no less than thirty-six vessels altogether, thus placed under construction, three battleships, sixteen torpedo boat destroyers, twelve torpedo boats, four coast defence monitors and one gunboat on the lakes.

The honor of being fleet engineer of the numerous mosquito fleet, which is expected to be one of the mainstays in the defence of the Atlantic coast cities, has fallen to a retired officer, Chief Engineer Alexander Henderson, who is now a prosperous business man in New York, but who has consented to sacrifice his personal interests to fight in the navy. More electricians are wanted in the navy and the Secretary to-day directed that a special recruiting station be opened at the Washington navy yard at 1 o'clock Monday to recruit these electricians.

The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, called at the State Department to-day and had a talk with officials concerning the war situation. He did not bring a notice of China's neutrality nor has he received word thus far from his government that China will declare her neutrality. The authorities here would have been pleased if China withheld her decree altogether, as such a course might be of distinct advantage to the United States in case Commodore Dewey's fleet fails to effect a landing on the Philippines and is obliged to seek some open port. With an American fleet in Asiatic waters the situation becomes hazardous unless a belligerent port is captured or a neutral port remains open. Up to to-day all countries occupying western Asiatic territory had declared neutrality except China alone. The notice of Korea was given two days ago, thus closing the port of Chemul Po. Japan gave notice to-day, thus closing all Japan's ports including Yokohoma which is the most advantageous harbor in Asiatic waters and nearer the Philippines than any other port. The British and French decree closed Hong Kong and ports of British India and of French Tonquin. The officials here feel that the United States would have profited much by securing a coaling station from China during the recent controversies which led to Germany's securing Kiao Chow bay as a coaling station, Russia securing Port Arthur and England securing Wei Hai Wei. There is good reason to believe that the friendly spirit of China toward the United States would have made it possible for the United States to have secured the harbor of Mirs Bay or some other advantageous point on the Chinese coast. At the present time, however, it is said that China could not voluntarily grant such a coaling station without assuming a distinctly hostile attitude toward Spain. It is possible that China's neutrality decree may be issued any day, and yet the delay is in no way exercising the authorities here, owing to the feeling that it leaves China's ports open to Commodore Dewey's fleet.

The Portugese minister, Viscount de Santo-Thyrso, called at the State Department to-day and gave official notice of Portugal's neutrality. Afterward the Viscount expressed regret at the published reports attributing delay to Portugal and a disposition to favor Spain as against the United States. The minister says that such reports are unwarranted.

There was a feeling of relief among officials to-night over the safe arrival of the Oregon at Rio, well to the north and out of possible reach of the Spanish torpedo cruiser Temerario, which has been lying around the vicinity of Buenos Ayres. The keenest interest is taken in her future movements, but on account of the extreme reticence of the naval authorities the nature of the instructions which have awaited her at Rio are not known. The prevalent belief, however, is that her orders are to proceed to join Admiral Sampson's fleet without delay.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—It is semi-officially stated in the highest diplomatic quarters, representing France and Germany, that no protest or representation of any character respecting the operations of the American fleet at the Philippine islands have been made or are likely to be made.

The cruiser San Francisco, sailed from New York yesterday; destination not positively known, but it is thought she will go to Provincetown, Mass.

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SPANISH PLOTS IN TAMPA.

Attempt Made to Blow Up a Powder Magazine—Police Watching Several Suspected Persons.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 30.—A special to the *Times-Union and Citizen* from Tampa, Fla., says:

Chief of Police Burke, of the Tampa force, and General Wade, held a lengthy consultation a few evenings ago, the subject of which has just come to light. Spanish Consul Solis left here about ten days ago and Vice Consul Bruguis left about two days later. The Vice Consul said that he was going to Jamaica by way of New York and on the evening prior to his departure he was given a farewell party by his Spanish friends. A few evenings ago a Spanish woman living on Anderson street told two of her American girl friends that something would happen soon. Her significant remark in connection with the many rumors of Spanish plots in circulation aroused suspicion. On Thursday night Chief Burke was returning from Yarbo City; he was surprised to see Bruguis, who he supposed was on his way to Jamaica, at the Spanish woman's house. Bruguis is a young man, twenty-four years of age, and has several peculiaritics of dress and action, well known to the chief of police, and in telling the story to several newspaper correspondents this evening, he said that there was not the least bit of doubt about the man's identity.

Major Connelly, of the Florida State troops, has also been informed by a Cuban resident that Bruguis is in town. It is also reported that the Spaniard has been seen at night disguised. The Spanish boarding house on Anderson street and another house, owned by Solis, where Bruguis is supposed to visit are being watched by the police to-night and if Bruguis is seen he will be arrested.

Another plot is in course of development that will be nipped. It is to the effect that there is a soldier here with the regulars who speaks Spanish, whose term will soon expire. It is asserted that he has been approached and urged to re-enlist with the intimation that he might make $250 a month.

JACKSONVILLE, Aril 30.—A special to the *Times-Union and Citizen* from Tampa, Fla., says: An attempt was made last night to explode the powder magazine of Knight & Wall, wholesale hardware men.

A Strange Experience.

John Hamilton and Dan Hemingray have been commercial men for many years. Yesterday they were taking dinner together at the Stag when Hamilton said:

"Perhaps one of the strangest experiences I ever had was in connection with the terrible Ashtabula accident. It was by the narrowest escape that I missed it. I had been in that city for a day and a half and had made arrangements to take that very train when, as I stepped out of the hotel, I had some trouble with a stranger. He was about half drunk, ready to fight, and when I happened to jostle him he turned and punched my head. Of course I had to punch back, and we were both arrested and locked up. One of my customers bailed me out, and rushing to the hotel I grabbed my satchel and was off for the train. I was within a block of the depot when I"—

"When you fell over a dog and was delayed and didn't catch the train," said Dan Hemingray.

"Just so, sir. But how did you know?"

"Oh, I've heard that story told by 15 different men."

"Did they all say it was a bulldog?"

"Every one of them."

"And they were so grateful to him that they bought him a silver collar?"

"Quite true."

"And they presented the man who raised the row on the street with them with $50 in cash?"

"Just $50, sir."

"Then all I've got to say," said Hamilton, "is that the mysteries of life are past finding out."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Not Indefensible.

"Mike," said his employer, "some of your ideas about politics are absolutely indefensible."

"Oi don't think so," said Mike. "Oi've licked half a dozen fellies in my toime for disagreein wid my oideas."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The standard which the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, Hernando Cortés, used in his march from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico, nearly four centuries ago, was until recently preserved at a little church in the capital of the state of Tlaxcala.

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CAMP AT RALEIGH.

Wilmington Company Notified That the Second Regiment Will be Formed.

PROBABLY ON WEDNESDAY.

Wake County Populist Convention Sat Down on Fusion With Democrats. U. S. District Court—The Glass Trial Ended.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., April 30.

The jury in the Glass case took the case this morning. Counsel began to speak yesterday afternoon and continued until two o'clock this morning. A recess was taken until 9 A. M. when the concluding arguments were finished. This is the worst trial Wake county has had in years. Nearly all of the testimony was "smutty," so much so that it would not permit of publication. Nine-tenths of the people here have confidence in Mrs. Glass. Seven of the best women in the city testified as to her general good character.

The Governor's Guard was called out by the riot alarm this morning to go into camp at Camp Grimes.

The Second regiment will be called out the latter part of next week.

Work will be pushed all day Sunday on the camp. A large force is at work this morning; 300 tents are being put up.

The Southern Christian Convention convened here last night. There are about 100 delegates in attendance, Rev. W. W. Stoley was elected President.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The United States District Court at Wilmington will not be opened Monday for the purpose of calling the Admiralty docket, as heretofore advertised in the STAR, cases on this docket having been postponed till later in the term, by request of interested parties.

Lieut. Marshall arrived to-day to take charge of camp as quartermaster and commissary. The Second regiment will be formed at once. The companies will probably arrive Wednesday. The Wilmington company has been notified. The Greenville company withdraws at the last moment, claiming it hasn't volunteered. The Goldsboro company takes its place.

The jury decided every issue in favor of Mrs. Glass.

The Wake County Populist Convention sat down on fusion with Democrats. Otho Wilson had the convention under complete control. Hal. Ayer and the Treasurer cut little ice.

American Colleges.

It is certainly something of a tribute to American educational institutions and scholars that when, some years ago, a graduate of Harvard went to Oxford and applied for admittance there to make a special study of Shakespeare for a year he was told: "Go back to Harvard and Professor Child. They can teach you far more there than we can here." It seems, however, that this opinion had been expressed before, even at a time when Harvard and American colleges had not nearly attained their present standard, for the elder Edward Everett, in a letter dated as far back as 1818, said, writing from Oxford: "I have been over two months in England, and am now visiting Oxford, having passed a week in Cambridge. There are more teaching and more learning in our American Cambridge than there are in both the English universities together, though between them they have four times our number of students."—New York Tribune.

Healthful.

Mrs. Watts—The doctors say a good cry is healthful.

Mrs. Potts—I know it is. A good cry gained me a trip to the seashore last year, and I came back feeling better than I had for, oh, ever so long!—Indianapolis Journal.

She Got a New One.

"I've stopped asking people if my bonnet is on straight."

The Husband—Why, my dear!

The Wife—I love you too much, John, to disgrace you by calling a body's attention to an old bonnet like this.—London Tit-Bits.

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Mortgagee's Sale City Lots.

UNDER POWER OF SALE CONTAINED IN a mortgage deed to me executed on the 22nd day of January, 1894, by H. F. Pinner and wife Mary Mch. Pinner, duly registered in the Register's office of New Hanover county, in book 13, page 58, &c., I will on Monday the 2nd day of May, 1898, sell for cash at public auction, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., the following described real estate, situate in said city of Wilmington, viz.: Lot 2 in block 303; one-half of lots 3 and 4, block 308; east one-half of lots 3, 4 and 5, block 271; east one-half of lot 6, block 308, and lot 8, block 309.

This 8th day April, 1898.

ALICE McR. VANN, Mortgagee.

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Administrator's Notice.

HAVING THIS DAY QUALIFIED AS ADministrator on the estate of John R. Niemyer, deceased, notice is hereby given to all creditors of his estate to present their claims properly authenticated on or before the 16th day of March, 1899, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This March 15th, 1898.

JAMES C. NIEMYER, Administrator of John R. Niemyer, deceased.

Postoffice address, 118 Firwood Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

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